

Nettie Shipley Haines

1866 — 1940
Portrayed by Robin Cavendish
Script by Ginny Mapes



Born in Green Lake County, Wisconsin, Nettie Haines was the daughter of Manley H. and Elizabeth (Nye) Shipley, his second wife. Manley, his third wife, and all the children came to Oregon in 1873. He farmed the 640-acre Land Claim belonging to A.T. and Abigail Smith.

Nettie attended Tualatin Academy in 1880 and began painting at a young age. Three of Nettie's paintings can be seen at Old College Hall, Pacific University. Nettie married Edward W. Haines, who was an early "mover and shaker" in the Forest Grove community. They had two daughters.

Norman "Swede" Ralston

1916 — 2007
Portrayed by David Morelli
Script by Ashley Roth



Swede Ralston was born in a Forest Grove hospital to parents William Ralston and Ester Mortenson. Swede was most famously known for flying his AT-6 Texan aircraft through the Tillamook Blimp Hangar in August of 1949 during an air show. His lifelong passion and obsession with aircraft was massively instrumental in the original building and lifelong success of the Hillsboro airport, the second busiest airport in the state of Oregon.

Everything Swede did was aviation related. When he was drafted to serve in the army, he trained hundreds of army pilots at the Rankin Air Academy in Tulare, California. In 1956 he founded Aero Air at the Hillsboro Airport and continued to be CEO, visiting his office regularly, up until a month before his death in November of 2007.

Swede believed everyone should learn to fly. He taught all of his children and even all of his grandchildren to become pilots, along with countless other people in his life.

Samantha Waite Coleman

1852 — 1939 (no photo)
Portrayed by Cherie Savoie Tintary and Mary Jo Morelli
Script by Cherie Savoie Tintary
Myrtle Pease Hatfield
1873 — 1913



Samantha Waite Coleman was born in Paynesville, Ohio. She married E.H. Coleman in 1889 and moved to Forest Grove in 1890. She was a farmer, temperance movement supporter, suffragist and business women. They lived in the Robb-Roberts house on 17th and she died at the age of 87.

Fellow suffragist, Myrtle Pease Hatfield, was born in Newton, Iowa, and moved to Oregon in 1899. Myrtle worked as teacher, then as investigator for The Boys and Girls Aid Society. She was Corresponding Secretary for the State Equal Suffrage Association from 1905-1912. In 1910 she helped Abigail Scott Duniway prepare the full text clause in the state constitution to enfranchise women, now part of the fundamental law. Myrtle died unexpectedly, cause of death unknown. Neither women had children.

Judge William Henry Hollis

1853 — 1932
Portrayed by William Sparks
Script by William Sparks



Born in Illinois, William Hollis was a state judge, lawyer, legislator, Freemason and humanitarian. Upon graduation from high school he moved to Tacoma to study law and later moved to Michigan as counsel for a large construction company.

In 1900, Hollis was elected as judge of the Municipal Court of Michigan, and shortly after moved back west and made his home in Forest Grove. In 1911 he became a member of the Oregon legislature, and then state senate, working to pass the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Widow's Compensation Bill.



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GRAVE MATTERS

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Forest View Cemetery
12:00pm – 5:00pm

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OUR PIONEER SPIRITS AS THEY APPEAR

Nellie Winfield Owens Kirry

1869 — 1949
Portrayed by Maureen Andronis
Script by Ginny Mapes



Nellie Owens Kirry was one of three girls who inspired Nellie Oleson in Little House on the Prairie. In real life, her family owned a store in Walnut Grove, Minnesota. She moved to California then to Tillamook with her husband, Henry. They moved to Forest Grove in 1908.

She was a teacher and had three children. Her son Lloyd, was a star athlete at Forest Grove High in 1917. She is buried next to her father, William H. Owens, and her brother, William B. Owens.

Alexis Abdullah Ben Kori

1884 — 1925
Portrayed by Nader Khoury
Script by Martha Khoury



Born in what is modern-day Lebanon, Alexis Ben Kori was an excellent scholar who immigrated to the U.S. He moved to Forest Grove to become Professor of Modern Languages at Pacific University from 1906 to 1913. Professor Ben Kori was an active community member and popular speaker around town with ties to the local Congregational Church and Masons.

While on leave of absence from Pacific he got caught up in WWI where he served in the French Army and translated for President Woodrow Wilson at the Treaty of Versailles. He was the father of Anna Myrtle Ben Kori who died at birth and is buried in Forest View Cemetery.

Charles L. VanKoughnet

1871 — 1956
Portrayed by William Gilbert
Script by Skip Buhler



Charles VanKoughnet owned and operated the Forest Grove Rexall Drug Store, from the early 1910s until his death. He was a prominent businessman and civic leader, introducing Forest Grove's first soda fountain. He was also a Masonic Lodge brother, a Knight's Templar, and lived in the historic Rasmussen-Price house at 17th and Birch.

About Forest View Cemetery

Thomas Naylor arrived on the West Tualatin Plains by the fall of 1843. He traded his horse for a donation land claim. When one of his children died in 1847, he selected a burial spot on his land. Naylor's wife was buried next to her child in 1852.

In 1861, when Naylor was asked to permit the burial of a child in the same grounds as the Naylor graves and give the area to the Congregational Church, Naylor agreed. In September 1935, it was turned over to a private non-profit for management and became the Forest View Cemetery.

Manche Langley

1883 — 1963
Portrayed by Aoife O'Herlihy
Script by Cindy Dauer



Manche Langley moved to Forest Grove with her family in 1891 when she was seven years old. She developed her love of law from her father who was an attorney and had a practice on Main Street. Manche studied law and took relevant courses at the Tualatin Academy, Pacific University, and finally Northwestern College of Law (now Lewis & Clark College).

In 1909, she was the 13th woman admitted to the Oregon Bar, before women had the right to vote or serve on a jury. Manche went on to work at the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, eventually becoming chief deputy of the domestic relations department.

Manche helped found the Queen's Bench, a professional organization for women attorneys, and to this day has a scholarship in her name at Lewis & Clark College.

Friend S. Barnes

1839 — 1914
Portrayed by Lee Tintary
Script by Rebecca Vetkos and Lee Tintary



Born in Rossie, New York, Friend Barnes was a husband and father to three children. He was also a jeweler, watchmaker, and served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was acclaimed as the greatest bow maker in the world from the time he began making bows in 1893 in his little shop on what is now 21st Avenue in Forest Grove, until his death in 1914. Barnes crafted bows made of Oregon Yew that won national championships and were shipped around the world. He is remembered today as a seminal figure in the development of archery on the West Coast and a colorful character in the history of Forest Grove. He is buried in Mountain View Cemetery.